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BROADSTAIRS AND ST. PETER'S URBAN DISTRICT

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PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF - 1965

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Clerical Assistant

Mrs. I. M. Ansell

Disinfector, Rodent Operator
and Mortuary Attendant

W. E. Ralph

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KENT COUNTY HEALTH SERVICE STAFF

1965

(In Broadstairs and St. Peter's Urban District)

Midwives:	...	Miss L. Needham, S.R.N., S.C.M.
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	...	Mrs. B. Huxstable, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V., I.N.C.
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	...	Miss D. Carlisle, S.R.N., S.C.M., I.N.C.
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District Officer:	...	Mr. C. Whitaker, (address as above)
Registrar of Births and Deaths:	...	Mr. S. O. Newman, (address as above)

Public Health Department,
Pierremont Hall,
Broadstairs.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Broadstairs and St. Peter's
Urban District Council:

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report on the health of Broadstairs for the year 1965.

VITAL STATISTICS:

The Vital Statistics of the Urban District show an increase in the population (as estimated by the Registrar General) of some 580.

There was an increase in the birth rate compared with 1964 - 19.03 against 16.24.

The death rate decreased slightly from 10.0 in 1964 to 9.05 in 1965, and though this adjusted figure is lower than the national rate, it will be noted that the unadjusted death rate of 17.75 is well above the national figure of 11.5. This reflects the higher proportion of elderly people living in the Urban District compared with the more industrialised areas.

The infantile death rate was 17.32, compared with 19.0 for England and Wales, which was the lowest figure ever recorded in the country.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE:

Apart from an outbreak of measles, which is to be expected every other year, the number of cases of infectious diseases notified remained gratifyingly low. It was encouraging to note again the absence of any cases of poliomyelitis, and this indicates that the system of vaccination of children against poliomyelitis is now showing results.

HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES:

The health services provided in the town, through the National Health Service Act, are set out in the report in some detail; they are available to all the inhabitants and they are adequate.

Mention should again be made of much good work carried out in the Urban District during the year by members of the staff of the Health Services operated by the County Council, with particular

reference to the many and varied duties performed by Health Visitors, Midwives, Home Nurses, Children's Welfare Officers, District Officers, Domestic and Home Helpers, etc., and also the various voluntary organisations in the town such as the W.V.S., the Old People's Welfare Committee, the British Red Cross Society and others.

GENERAL:

This will be the last Report that I shall present to you. I was first appointed to Broadstairs in 1949. In sixteen years we have seen many new Public Health measures laid before Parliament, all of which have arisen from the enlightened outlook of the post war era, and have seemed to follow one another in an orderly sequence. The Urban District Council has kept well abreast of the times in all these matters, and I look back over the years with satisfaction on my happy association with your Council. Members have changed during this time, but I have always appreciated the attitude of helpful co-operation which has been forthcoming.

My thanks are also due to the members of the Public Health Department for the loyal and efficient way in which they have carried out their duties; my colleagues in other departments; to the staffs of the Kent County Health Services and the Regional Hospital Board Services covering the Urban District; and to the medical practitioners practising in the area for their willing co-operation and assistance at all times in the public health work of our town.

I have the honour to be, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

G. L. BROCKLEHURST

Medical Officer of Health
and Principal Medical Officer
No. 2 Area, K.C.C.

JUNE, 1966

SECTION A

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area (including Inland Water	- 2,773 acres)	...	3,035 $\frac{3}{4}$
(Tidal Water	- 262 $\frac{3}{4}$ ")		acres
Population 1965 (Registrar General)	...	...	19,550
Rateable Value (April, 1965)	£856,481
Estimated Sum represented by 1d Rate	£3,383

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EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR

<u>LIVE BIRTHS:</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total 1965</u>	<u>1964</u>
Legitimate	108	100	208	194
Illegitimate	12	11	23	23
Totals:-	120	111	231	217
Crude Birth Rate per 1,000 population	...	...	11.82	11.44
Adjusted Birth Rate per 1,000 population	...	...	19.03	16.24
Birth Rate, England and Wales		...	18.0	18.4
Comparability Factor	...	...	1.61	1.42
<u>STILLBIRTHS:</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total 1965</u>	<u>1964</u>
Legitimate	-	-	-	2
Illegitimate	-	-	-	-
Rate per 1,000 (Live and Stillbirths)			-	4.90

<u>DEATHS:</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total 1965</u>	<u>1964</u>
All Causes	167	180	347	316
Crude Death Rate per 1,000 population		...	17.75	16.66
Adjusted Death Rate per 1,000 population		...	9.05	10.0
Death Rate, England and Wales		...	11.5	11.3
Comparability Factor		...	0.51	0.60

<u>INFANTILE DEATHS:</u>	<u>Legitimate</u>		<u>Illegitimate</u>		<u>Total</u>
	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	
Perinatal (under 1 week)	3	-	-	-	3
Neo-natal (under 1 month)	3	-	-	-	3
Infantile (total under 1 year)	3	1	-	-	4

Death Rate of Infants under 1 year of age:

All infants per 1,000 live births	...	17.32
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate births	...	19.23

MATERNAL MORTALITY: Nil

CAUSES OF DEATH DURING 1965

A L L C A U S E S			Males	Females
			167	180
1.	Tuberculosis, respiratory	...	-	-
2.	Tuberculosis, other	...	-	-
3.	Syphilitic disease	...	-	-
4.	Diphtheria	...	-	-
5.	Whooping Cough	...	-	-
6.	Meningococcal Infections	...	-	-
7.	Acute Poliomyelitis	...	-	-
8.	Measles	...	-	-
9.	Other infective and parasitic diseases	...	-	-
10.	Malignant neoplasm, stomach	...	4	1
11.	Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	...	14	2
12.	Malignant neoplasm, breast	...	-	5
13.	Malignant neoplasm, uterus	...	-	1
14.	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	...	19	13
15.	Leukaemia, aleukaemia	...	2	-
16.	Diabetes	...	2	-
17.	Vascular lesions of nervous system	...	21	33
18.	Coronary disease, angina	...	35	45
19.	Hypertension with heart disease	...	5	6
20.	Other heart disease	...	12	22
21.	Other circulatory disease	...	4	20
22.	Influenza	...	-	1
23.	Pneumonia	...	9	5
24.	Bronchitis	...	17	3
25.	Other diseases of respiratory system	...	-	-
26.	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	...	1	1
27.	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	...	-	1
28.	Nephritis and nephrosis	...	-	2
29.	Hyperplasia of prostate	...	1	-
30.	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	...	-	-
31.	Congenital malformations	...	1	1
32.	Other defined and ill-defined diseases	...	12	12
33.	Motor vehicle accidents	...	3	-
34.	All other accidents	...	4	3
35.	Suicide	...	1	3
36.	Homicide and operations of war	...	-	-

C A U S E O F D E A T H	Sex	Under 4 weeks	4 weeks & under 1 year	A G E I N Y E A R S								
				1-	5-	15-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	75 & over
10. Malignant neoplasm, stomach	M F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	2
11. Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	M F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	6	4
12. Malignant neoplasm, breast	M F	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
13. Malignant neoplasm, uterus	F F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	3
14. Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	M F	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	4	8	5
15. Leukaemia, aleukaemia	M F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	9
16. Diabetes	M F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
17. Vascular lesions of nervous system	M F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	14
18. Coronary disease, angina	M F	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	5	3	5	24
19. Hypertension with heart disease	M F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	3
20. Other heart disease	M F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	5
21. Other circulatory disease	M F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	18
22. Influenza	M F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	2
23. Pneumonia	M F	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	4	1
24. Bronchitis	M F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	7	4
												6
												3

continued ...

C A U S E . O . F . D E A T H	Sex	Under 4 weeks	4 weeks & under 1 year	A G E . I N Y E A R S									
				1-	5-	15-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	75 & over	
continued ...					1-	5-	15-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	75 & over
26. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
27. Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
28. Nephritis and nephrosis	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
29. Hyperplasia of prostate	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
31. Congenital malformations	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases	F	3	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	2	-	3	2
33. Motor vehicle accidents	M	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	-
34. All other accidents	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	3
35. Suicide	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
TOTAL ALL CAUSES:	M 167 F 180	3	-	1	2	4	1	-	2	10	21	57	67
		-	1	-	-	-	2	-	2	5	12	40	118

SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

The Urban District of Broadstairs and St. Peter's is situated on the extreme easterly coast of the Isle of Thanet, and is bounded by the North Sea and the English Channel. It is sited on an upthrust of chalk which, besides giving a high altitude and good drainage, gives the town the advantage of seven bays sheltered by chalk cliffs, all facing east and south-east. This geographical position ensures a bracing climate of great benefit to visitors and residents alike.

For many years catering for the holidaymaker has been the main preoccupation of the town, and although the economy of Broadstairs is based largely on this trade, a greater degree of stability of employment has been provided by the increased number of industries which have become established in East Kent. Broadstairs has long been a "family" type of resort, and although many improvements have taken place, great pains are taken to ensure that its established character remains unchanged.

A steady increase in the rate of house building over recent years has attracted more residents to the town who have either retired, or who prefer to live in Broadstairs and travel to London to work using the improved railway facilities provided by electrification.

Social Welfare: Elderly People

In this modern world, people are tending to live to a much greater age, due to the great improvements in medicine and in social conditions. As a result of this trend, a great social problem is arising - the welfare of the elderly. Apart from the provision of special housing, there is a need for many more domiciliary and residential services. The County Council, through its District Officer, Home Nurses, Health Visitors and Domestic Help Service, provides the greater part of these services, but much valuable work is done by local voluntary services such as the W.V.S., the Over 60 Clubs, and the "Good Neighbour" Scheme of the Rotary Club. In this way, many of the needs of the lonely, incapacitated and the deaf are catered for. In conjunction with the W.V.S., a new kitchen was built at the Broadway to improve the very popular Meals-on-Wheels Service.

CLIMATOLOGY:

I am indebted to the Surveyor and Engineer for the following details of the climatological records which have been logged by the Council's Head Gardener:-

Period 1965	A V E R A G E				A C T U A L	
	Temperature				Rainfall Inches	Sunshine Hours
	Max. °F	Min. °F	Max. °C	Min. °C		
January	42.78	35.87	5.97	2.06	2.10	62
February	41.03	34.50	4.50	1.32	.55	48 $\frac{3}{4}$
March	48.77	36.93	9.19	2.55	1.98	117 $\frac{3}{4}$
April	53.30	43.66	11.53	5.07	1.56	123 $\frac{1}{2}$
May	61.35	50.26	15.68	9.97	1.14	200 $\frac{3}{4}$
June	65.33	53.80	18.13	11.93	1.90	197 $\frac{3}{4}$
July	67.23	55.42	18.93	12.71	2.10	132 $\frac{1}{4}$
August	69.61	57.09	20.71	13.81	2.50	209 $\frac{1}{2}$
September	64.40	52.80	18.17	11.43	3.77	173 $\frac{1}{2}$
October	61.74	51.55	16.87	10.97	.68	167 $\frac{3}{4}$
November	48.80	39.33	9.40	4.17	2.13	93 $\frac{1}{4}$
December	47.55	37.90	8.74	3.19	3.12	54 $\frac{3}{4}$
Totals:-					23.53	1,581 $\frac{1}{2}$

SECTION B

LOCAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA
AS PROVIDED BY THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

Laboratory Facilities

Bacteriological, pathological and biological examinations were carried out at the Public Health Laboratory, Preston Hall, British Legion Village, Maidstone. The laboratory is under the direction of Dr. A. L. Furniss.

Chemical analyses were carried out as hitherto by the County Analyst, County Hall, Maidstone.

General practitioners in the town submit specimens for examination to the Pathological Laboratory at the Isle of Thanet District Hospital, Margate Wing, which is under the direction of Dr. H. Sterndale.

Ambulance Facilities

The needs of the Thanet area, including Broadstairs, are met from the County Health Department's Ambulance Station at Haine. Here, 19 ambulances are based, all equipped with radio telephone apparatus, providing the most efficient, and economical ambulance service possible.

I am indebted to the County Medical Officer for the following statistics relating to the ambulance service in Thanet:-

Number of patients carried	...	89,466
" " journeys	... ..	13,715
Mileage	... ..	289,411
Emergency cases	... ..	1,818

Home Nursing

This service is provided free by the County Council. Except in cases of emergency and accident, the service of a Home Nurse is available only by authorisation of the patient's doctor.

Domestic Help Service

A Domestic Help Service is operated by the Kent County Council and is provided where necessary in the case of any person who is ill, lying-in, an expectant mother or aged. The service is limited to the performance of essential domestic help.

Elderly people retained in their own familiar surroundings, with a sense of being still actively part of the community, can often fend for themselves if given a little help. It is for this reason that a good home nursing service, together with domestic help through a home-help scheme, can play such an important part in keeping the aged and infirm out of hospital or special accommodation.

The Area Organiser has kindly supplied me with the following information with regard to the work done in the Urban District during 1965:-

(a) Domestic Help Service:-

The average number of cases assisted in Broadstairs and St. Peter's each week was 99. The work was undertaken by 14 part-time helpers.

(b) Family Care Service:-

This service covers cases where a mother is admitted to hospital, etc., and there are two or more children in the household. It has been found better to retain the children in their own homes rather than place them with foster parents or in residential nurseries. It has also been found more economical than boarding children out. Under this service the care of the children is ensured from the time the husband leaves for work until his return home. During 1965, one case of this kind was assisted.

(c) Family Welfare Service:-

This is a service provided for a mother who needs help and guidance in all aspects of household management and care of children. It is an entirely free service. During the year one family was assisted.

Chiropody

A chiropody scheme for Old Age Pensioners is operated. This service is available for men over 65 years of age and for women over 60 years of age and may be obtained on application to the District Officer, Margate. Treatment is carried out at the Clinic, 25 St. Peter's Road, Broadstairs.

Health Visitors and School Nurses

The County Council's Health Visiting and School Nursing Services continued to be carried out in the usual way by the two Health Visitors, operating from the Clinic, 25 St. Peter's Road.

Family Planning

The Family Planning Association Clinic is well established at the Isle of Thanet District Hospital, Margate Wing. With the co-operation of the Marriage Guidance Council, a Marriage Guidance Counsellor is available at the Clinic.

Treatment Centres and Clinics

The following tables give particulars of some of the various treatment centres and clinics operated by the Kent County Council and the Hospital Management Committee for the inhabitants of Broadstairs and St. Peter's:-

Treatment Centres and Clinics:	Sessions	
	Days	Times
<u>Child Welfare Clinic:</u> Beaconsfield House, 25 St. Peter's Road, Broadstairs.	Monday and Thursday	2. 0 p.m. to 4. 0 p.m.

<u>Maternity Clinics:</u> <u>Exercise Clinics for expectant mothers:</u> <u>Ante-natal and post- natal Clinic:</u> 25 St. Peter's Road, Broadstairs.	Wednesday	By appointment By appointment 2. 0 p.m. to 4. 0 p.m.
<u>Family Planning:</u> Isle of Thanet District Hospital, Margate Wing, St. Peter's Road, Margate.	Monday	6.30 p.m.
<u>Chiropody:</u> 25 St. Peter's Road, Broadstairs.	Tuesday	By appointment

School Health Services

The following services for schoolchildren are provided by the County Council at the Clinic, 25 St. Peter's Road, Broadstairs:-

Minor Ailments Clinic: Thursday - 9.30 a.m. to 11.0 a.m.

Dental Clinic: Daily (except Tuesday and Friday afternoons) by appointment. This clinic is for schoolchildren, nursing and expectant mothers and for the under fives.

Specialist School Clinics

Attendance at these County Clinics is by appointment only, application for treatment being made to the County Medical Officer:-

Clinics:	Address of Centres:
Child Guidance	The Health Centre, Newington Road, Ramsgate.
Opthalmic	Child Welfare Centre, College Road, Margate. The Health Centre, Ramsgate.
Orthopaedic	Child Welfare Centre, Margate. The Health Centre, Ramsgate.
Speech Therapy	Mortimer House, Hartsdown Road, Margate. The Health Centre, Ramsgate.

Clinic Services provided through
the Hospital Services

The following clinics, administered by the Hospital Management Committee of the Regional Hospital Board are available, by appointment, for the inhabitants of the Urban District:-

Clinics	Sessions	
	Days	Times
<u>Chest Clinics:</u> Isle of Thanet District Hospital, Ramsgate Wing, West Cliff Road, Ramsgate. Isle of Thanet District Hospital, Margate Wing, St. Peter's Road, Margate. Royal Sea Bathing Hospital, 38 Canterbury Road, Margate.	Monday Thursday Tuesday Wednesday	9.30 a.m. 10. 0 a.m. 9.15 a.m. 9.30 a.m.
<u>Venereological Clinic:</u> (Appointment not required) Isle of Thanet District Hospital, Margate Wing, Hut E.	Friday (Females) Friday (Males)	10. 0 a.m. to 11. 0 a.m. 11. 0 a.m. to 12 noon

Hospitals

The hospital services are administered by the Hospital Management Committee working under the control of the South Eastern Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board.

Infectious Disease Accommodation:-

Haine Hospital, Thanet: 92 beds.

(Infectious diseases -	32)
(Geriatric -	26)
(Dermatology -	16)
(Medical -	18)

Smallpox Hospital Accommodation:-

The Regional Hospital Board have a scheme in operation whereby smallpox patients may be admitted to the River Hospital, Long Reach, Dartford, Kent.

Convalescent and Childrens' Homes

Broadstairs has in the past been noted for the number of childrens' convalescent homes which had been sited in the area to give to the children the benefit of the bracing climate. However, due to the great improvement in the general health of children, the demand for such homes has diminished and today there are only two, accommodating some 150 children, chiefly from the London area, who need a short period of convalescence after illness or hospital treatment.

Educational and charitable organisations also operate some residential homes for children, and for adults there is a mens' convalescent home run by a large insurance company, and several holiday homes affording a welcome summer holiday for needy families.

National Assistant Act, 1948, Section 37.

Homes for Elderly People:

There are three residential homes for elderly people in the district, one administered by the Kent Council of Social Service, with accommodation for 30 old people; one administered by the "Sisters of the Church [Church Extension Society (Incorporated)]" which has accommodation for 16 retired elderly Sisters; and one administered by the London County Council with accommodation for 40 residents.

There are also a number of premises registered by the County Council Residential Services Department as Old Persons' Homes, and

most of the registered nursing homes accommodate some elderly people as rooms become available.

The housing of old people is a problem facing all local authorities and assistance in this direction has been given by the local Council. As part of their housing development they have provided 47 bungalows accommodating both single persons and married couples, and a Warden operated Old Peoples' Flatlet block, comprising 20 living units, with a communal lounge, laundry room, central heating and a large garden area. The demand for this latter type of accommodation has greatly increased, and during 1966 an extension to the present building will be completed, providing additional accommodation for eleven single persons and three couples.

Public Health Act, 1936: Sections 187 to 194 - Nursing Homes:

The powers and duties for the registration of nursing homes are delegated by the County Council (as supervising authority) to the Urban District Council.

The following table shows the number of homes registered and the amount of accommodation provided for the patients:-

Year 1965	No. of homes	Number of beds provided for		
		Maternity	Others	Totals
Homes first registered during the year	1	-	13	13
Homes whose registrations were withdrawn during the year	-	-	-	-
Homes on the register at the end of the year	Six	-	98	98

Mental Aftercare:

A Mental Health Service for the prevention, care and aftercare of mental illness and defectiveness is operated by the County Council, and the District Officer is the appointed "Duly Authorised Officer" for this service. There is one privately operated registered Mental Aftercare Home in the Urban District.

In September, 1964 the Thanet Training Centre was opened, having been adapted by the County Council from a children's convalescent home, for the purposes of training people of subnormal intelligence to do every-day jobs of employment, or if they are not capable of normal employment, to be kept gainfully occupied during the day. The Centre can accommodate 24 residential trainees, ranging from infants to adults, and a further 100 day-time trainees who are brought to the Centre by coach each day.

A home was also opened by the County Council in October, 1964 providing residential accommodation, under the National Assistance Act, for men with some social inadequacy. The home can accommodate 66 patients.

Road, Home and Water Safety

These matters continue to be dealt with by a Sub-Committee which consists of nine members of the Council, and three co-opted members representing the Chamber of Commerce, the Ratepayers' and Residents' Association and the Townswomen's Guilds, together with advisory and consultative members representing the Police, the Education Authority, RoSPA, East Kent Road Car Co. Ltd., the local Hotel and Boarding Association, the Kent Fire Brigade, the W.V.S., the Old People's Welfare Committee, a Health Visitor and the National Cycling Proficiency Scheme Instructor.

The Sub-Committee has plenary powers provided it works within the limits of an approved financial estimate. Representatives are sent to the Thanet Towns Joint Safety Council, to the Kent and Sussex Accident Prevention Federation and to the South-Eastern Area Group of Home Safety Committees. The Council are subscribing members of the Road Safety, Home Safety and Water Safety sections of RoSPA.

Poster campaigns are carried out at intervals and local schools and organisations are circularised about the matters for which the Sub-Committee is responsible.

Satisfactory progress continues to be made with the operation of the National Cycling Proficiency Scheme for Children. Training is carried out by a voluntary instructor. The Council are most appreciative of the

services given by the instructor. Of the 210 children who were trained in 1965, 169 took the proficiency test, 136 passed and 33 failed. A copy of the Highway Code is given to each child trained under the Scheme. It is the aim of the Council to secure that every child who rides a bicycle will be trained under the Scheme either during the last year of attendance at a local primary school or during the first two years of attendance at a local secondary or technical school. A cycle training area was provided in 1965 at a cost of about £1,850.

All the local cycle dealers examine children's cycles free of cost and without obligation to engage them to carry out any repairs found necessary.

Support is given to the R.A.C./A.C.U. Scheme for the training of motor-cyclists, scooter and moped-riders which is operated in Thanet by the Thanet Towns Joint Safety Council, of which the District Council is a constituent authority.

As in previous years, the annual Road and Home Safety Exhibition was held on the first Wednesday in August in conjunction with the annual Horse Show and Gymkhana which is organised each year by the Council. About 2,800 people attended the show and many of them visited the exhibition which, as usual, was excellently supported by the County Council, the Police, the Fire Brigade, RoSPA, and various local organisations.

The Water Safety Campaign was continued, special posters being displayed in each bay, amongst other places, and copies of the Water Safety Code were on sale at the Harbour Master's Office. Police Officers made special reference to the Campaign when giving safety talks at local schools. A Water Safety section was incorporated in the 1965 Exhibition referred to in the preceding paragraph.

Schools

The Kent County Council is the Education Authority for the Urban District, and they have provided four new schools since the war, serving the needs of schoolchildren all over Thanet. The eight schools in the town comprise two Technical High Schools (boys and girls), one County and one Voluntary Secondary School (mixed), and two County and two Voluntary Primary Schools. The educational needs of adults are catered for at the adult education centre at Hilderstone, St. Peter's Road. There are also a number of private boarding and day schools, and schools for delicate and handicapped children.

National Assistance Acts, 1948/51

Section 47:- No action was necessary under this section during the year.

Section 50:- No action was necessary under this section during the year.

Mortuary

The Council's mortuary is situated in the Fire Station Yard at the Broadway and is under the supervision of the Chief Public Health Inspector.

During the year 33 bodies were admitted and 33 post mortem examinations were held by the District Pathologist, H. Sterndale, Esq., M.D.

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SECTION C

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

Water

The water undertaking is under the control of the Thanet Water Board, which comprises the old undertakings of Thanet, Sandwich, Eastry and parts of the Bridge-Blean and Mid-Kent areas.

It is reported by the Thanet Water Board that:-

"Due partly to the wisdom of past generations, the Board's area (some 100 square miles) is not short of water. The rain which is soaked into the ground is always trying to find its way to the sea and a network of tunnels has been cut through the chalk to trap the water and take it to the wells, where it is pumped to the surface.

Although there is no shortage of water the great problem is to pipe it from Wingham and other stations to the towns. In the winter the Board is called upon to produce something like five million gallons of water a day, but with the vast increase of population in the summer this figure jumps to nine million gallons".

The water supply for the Broadstairs and St. Peter's area is mainly from the Fleete Reservoir, which is fed from the Wingham Wells, and is supplemented by water drawn from the Rumfield's Well in Broadstairs.

The water has no plumbo solvent action.

Strict checks are made to ensure that the water is bacteriologically pure, and to this end a small amount of chlorine is added.

Examination of Water Samples:

Bacteriological examinations were carried out at the Public Health Laboratory, Preston Hall, Maidstone, at fortnightly intervals and chemical analyses every two months by the County Analyst.

During 1965 the following samples of water were collected and sent by the Public Health Inspectors to the laboratory for examination:-

Bacteriological samples	...	19
Chemical samples	... ..	7

All these samples were reported as "Satisfactory".

Report on a Sample of Water taken in Broadstairs
for Chemical Examination on the 4th May, 1965

					Parts per Million
Colour	...	...	...	...	Clear
Deposit	...	...	...	...	None
Odour	...	...	...	...	None
pH	...	...	...	...	7.2
Solids in Suspension	(Dried at 100°C)	...	...	...	-
Solids in Solution	(Dried at 180°C)	...	...	...	405
Solids in Solution	after ignition	...	...	...	404
Chlorides as Chlorine	...	...	...	...	62
Carbonate Hardness	as CaCO ₃	...	...	...	235
Non-Carbonate Hardness	as CaCO ₃	...	...	...	37
Total Hardness	as CaCO ₃	...	...	...	272
Total Alkalinity	as CaCO ₃	...	...	...	235
Ammoniacal Nitrogen	...	...	...	...	not detected
Albuminoid Nitrogen	...	...	...	...	not detected
Nitrate Nitrogen	...	...	...	...	4
Nitrite Nitrogen	...	...	...	...	not detected
Oxygen absorbed in 15 minutes at 27°C	...	...	...	...	0.16
Oxygen absorbed in 4 hours at 27°C	...	...	...	...	0.34
Dissolved Oxygen	...	...	...	...	-
Biochemical Oxygen Demand	...	...	...	...	-
Fluoride	...	...	...	...	-
Toxic Metals	...	...	...	...	not detected
Residual Chlorine - Free	...	...	...	...	not detected
Residual Chlorine - Combined	...	...	...	...	not detected

Thanks are due to the Engineer and Manager of the Thanet Water Board for supplying the following information:-

Number of Premises supplied by Public Mains:

At the 31st December, 1965 there were approximately 7,190 premises (including business premises) connected to the public water mains. In addition there were 436 metered supplies.

Extensions to the Water Mains during 1965

The following are brief details as to the extensions of water mains during the period under review:-

Off Park Avenue	...	...	38 yds.	3" main
Off Dumpton Park Drive	...	...	60 yds.	3" main
Gloucester Park Estate, Stage III	...	...	210 yds.	4" main
Victoria Road, St. Peter's	...	...	52 yds.	3" main
Mentmore Site, Northwood Road	...	...	138 yds.	4" main

New Water Services Provided

During the same period the undermentioned water services were laid:-

New services for building and domestic purposes	...	212
New services to vacant plots for future developments	...	nil
Non-domestic meter supplies	...	6
Services to allotment gardens, etc.	...	3

Public Cleansing

The cleansing services are under the direction of the Engineer and Surveyor; these services include drainage and sewerage, the supervision and maintenance of all public conveniences, and the collection and disposal of refuse, salvage, etc., and I am indebted to him for the following particulars on these subjects:-

Drainage and Sewerage:

Main drainage is provided for practically the whole of the district.

191 premises were connected to the sewer during the year. One new cesspool was built during 1965 and two old cesspools were abolished.

Public Conveniences and Closet Accommodation:

There are 43 public conveniences maintained by the Urban District Council - 22 for Males and 21 for Females.

At the end of the year there were approximately 7,595 premises with W.C.'s draining into the main drainage system, and by the end of the year the number of premises draining into cesspools was estimated to be 460.

Arrangements are in operation whereby the Council undertake the emptying of cesspools, the cost of which is borne by the person making application for the work to be done.

Refuse Collection and Disposal:

House refuse is collected once a week from all private residences, and during the summer a twice-weekly collection was again made from hotels and boarding houses. Trade and garden refuse, excluding builder's rubbish, was collected on a rechargeable basis. A charge of £1 per annum is made to each shop and office premises in the district from which trade refuse is collected.

The refuse collection vehicles consist of two rear loading diesel units, working full time, and one side loading unit working part time.

All refuse is handled at the Refuse Disposal Works in Dane Valley Road. Dust and cinders are removed by screening, ferrous materials are removed by a magnetic separation unit, other salvageable materials are picked out by hand, and the residue is then incinerated. Salvaged tins are pressed and baled and, together with iron, bones, rags and other materials, are sold to contractors. The approximate sum of £1,250 was realised in the financial year 1965/66 from the disposal of these salvageable materials.

During the year work was completed on the extension of the Refuse Destructor Works at an approximate cost of £42,000. This has had the effect of doubling its capacity.

Swimming Baths and Pools

One public swimming pool was in operation during 1965. This is an open pool of 86,000 gallons, the water being supplied by the Thanet Water Board. Before entering the pool the water is filtered, chlorinated and passed through an aeration fountain.

In addition, there are 5 pools provided by educational establishments, in all of which the water is treated by chemicals to ensure bacteriological cleanliness.

Sanitary Inspection of the Area

The Chief Public Health Inspector reports as follows with regard to the sanitary inspection of the area:-

Total number of visits	...	...	5,348
Number of Notices served (Informal)	...	...	211

Number of Notices served (Statutory)	...	-
" " Complaints received	...	235
" " Nuisances abated	...	345

The following tables give a summary of the visits, inspections, etc., and the sanitary improvements carried out during the year:-

SUMMARY OF VISITS, INSPECTIONS, etc.				
Inspections and visits re Housing	...	...	...	756
Inspections and re-inspections under Public Health Acts				990
Interviews/Visits re Infectious Disease/Disinfection			...	82
Visits re Sampling	...	...	...	263
Inspections of Butchers' Shops	...	...	...	144
" " Food Premises	...	...	...	629
" " Unsound Food	...	...	...	87
" " Factories and Workshops		...	...	121
" /Interviews re the keeping of Animals			...	67
" / " re Insect Pests		...	...	91
" re Rodent Infestations		...	...	1,725
Shops and Offices Inspections/Interviews		...	...	254
Miscellaneous Visits	...	...	...	139

SUMMARY OF SANITARY IMPROVEMENTS CARRIED OUT

Choked drains/cesspools	...	...	...	29
Drains repaired/tested	...	...	...	2
Gullies repaired/cleaned	...	...	...	6
Eavesguttering repaired	...	...	...	2
Roofs repaired	...	...	...	6
Chimneys/flues repaired	...	...	...	1
Dustbins provided	...	...	...	5
Accumulations removed	...	...	...	24
New W.C. pans fitted	...	...	...	1
W.C.'s repaired/cleaned	...	...	...	4
New wash basins fitted	...	...	...	1
Sinks and sink wastepipes provided/repaired	...	...	...	3
Ceilings repaired	...	...	...	5
Internal walls repaired	...	...	...	4
Windows repaired	...	...	...	7
Floors repaired	...	...	...	5
Doors repaired	...	...	...	1
Dampness remedied	...	...	...	29
Dirty houses cleaned	...	...	...	8
Water supply repairs	...	...	...	4
Smells investigated	...	...	...	15
Premises treated for insect pests	...	...	...	168
(Bugs	...	2)		
(Cockroaches	...	2)		
(Fleas	...	3)		
(Flies	...	1)		
(Silverfish	...	2)		
(Woodworm	...	7)		
(Wasps' Nests	...	140)		
(Bee Swarms	...	4)		
(Ants	...	3)		
(Spiders	...	1)		
(Earwigs	...	1)		
(Others	...	2)		
Keeping of Animals	...	...	...	3
Keeping of Pigeons	...	...	...	2
Dogs, fouling of footpaths, etc.	...	...	...	2
Noise nuisances	...	...	...	14
Smoke nuisances	...	...	...	8
Weeds and overgrown gardens	...	...	...	5
Rabbits	...	...	...	5
Food Complaints	...	...	...	23
Shops - general improvements	...	...	...	1
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	15

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949

The work carried out by this authority was continued, as in previous years, on the lines recommended by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

Free treatment is given at private dwellings (except in cases of obvious neglect) and business premises are charged according to the extent of the infestation and the time spent on it. This service is widely known in the district and full advantage is taken of it by householders and traders.

Two meetings of the Kent No. 1 Workable Area Committee for the Destruction of Rats and Mice were held during the year at Broadstairs and Deal.

The following table gives particulars of work done during 1965:-

Type of Property	Number of complaints received		Number of Properties inspected	Number of Properties found to be infested by		Total No. of inspections made
	<u>Rats</u>	<u>Mice</u>		<u>Rats</u>	<u>Mice</u>	
Local Authority	11	1	12	11	1	64
Dwelling Houses	215	22	449	266	24	1,544
Business Premises	16	9	25	16	9	106
Agricultural	2	-	2	2	-	11
Totals:-	244	32	488	295	34	1,725

Clean Air Act, 1956

The Urban District, being a seaside resort and a non-industrial area, experienced no contravention of the Act during the year.

Eight complaints were made regarding alleged smoky domestic chimneys and the burning of garden rubbish, but these incidents were dealt with informally.

Factories Act, 1961

The following tables give the prescribed particulars which are required in relation to the above-mentioned Act:-

PART I OF THE ACT				
1. INSPECTIONS for the purposes of provisions as to health (made by the Public Health Inspectors).				
Premises	No. on Register	Number of:-		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	2	5	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	59	116	1	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	-	-	-	-
Totals:-	61	121	1	-

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND					
Particulars	Number of Cases in which defects were found				No. of Cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Reme- died	Referred -		
			To H.M. Ins- pector	By H.M. Ins- pector	
Want of Cleanli- ness: (S.1.)	1	1	-	-	-
Unreasonable Temperature: (S.3.)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conven- iences: (S.7.)	-	-	-	-	-
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	3	3	-	-	-
Totals:-	4	4	-	-	-

PART VIII OF THE ACT OUTWORK (Sections 133 and 134)	
Nature of Work	No. of Outworkers in August list required by Section 133 (1) (c)
Wearing Apparel - Making, etc.	8 (Satisfactory)

Shops and Offices

Steady progress was made during the year in the registration and inspection of premises affected by the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963, the provisions of which have superseded many of the requirements of the Shops Act, 1950. The efforts made to implement the Act have been made easier by the general co-operation extended by the proprietors of all the various types of premises inspected.

The following extracts from the Annual Report on the Act submitted to the Minister of Labour show the position as at the end of 1965:-

Type of Premises	Number of premises registered during the year	Total number of registered premises at end of year	No. of persons employed
Offices	2	42	243
Retail Shops	7	126	451
Wholesale shops, warehouses	1	6	65
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens	1	23	140
Fuel storage depots	-	1	5
Totals:-	11	198	904 (Males 382) (Females 522)

Number of inspections made = 155

Defects Found:

Section 4	Cleanliness	...	9	Section 13	Sitting facilities	7
" 5	Overcrowding	...	2	" 16	Floors, passage & stairs	25
" 6	Temperature	...	53	" 17	Fencing exposed parts machinery	2
" 8	Lighting	...	4	" 24	First Aid General provisions	48
" 9	Sanitary Conveniences		75			
" 10	Washing facilities		43			
" 12	Clothing accommodation		5			

Total:- 273

It should be noted that of the number of defects found relating to temperature requirements, sanitary accommodation and first aid facilities, the great majority required only the provision of a thermometer, warning signs and first aid boxes.

Pet Animals Act, 1951

Two applications for the renewal of existing licences under Section 1 of this Act were received during the year.

The premises referred to in the applications were inspected and found to be suitable for this purpose, and the necessary licences were granted.

Animal Boarding Establishments Act, 1963

This Act came into operation during 1964, and brings under supervision and licence all establishments which take in and care for other persons' cats and dogs.

There was only one such establishment in the district, which was issued with a licence.

Riding Establishment Act, 1964

This Act replaced that of 1939, and strengthens the original provisions relating to the welfare of horses working from such establishments, brings in new provisions relating to the premises themselves, and introduces a system of licensing. The new Act also transferred the administration from the local to the County Council. There were three such establishments in the Urban District at the end of the year.

Heating Appliances (Fireguards) Act, 1952

Oil Burners (Standards) Act, 1960

These Acts, together with Regulations made thereunder, prohibit the sale or letting of unguarded electric fires, gas fires and oil heaters.

Routine visits were made during the year in connection with the Acts. In general the manufacturers of appliances incorporate the requirements of the Regulations in their methods of manufacture, and no contravention of the Acts was observed.

SECTION D - HOUSING

The following brief outline of various aspects of the housing work carried out during the period under review will be of interest, and for this information I am indebted to the Clerk of the Council, the Housing Officer and the Public Health Inspectors:-

Improvement Grants

Number of applications submitted (discretionary & standard)	37
" approved (discretionary & standard)	37

New Properties

The Building Inspector has kindly supplied the following information with regard to new houses erected during the year and the number under construction at the 31st December, 1965:-

Number erected	... 192
" under construction	134

Total number of houses owned by the Local Authority	... 701
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The following figures supplied by the Public Health Inspectors are an extract from the Summary of Quarterly Returns by local authorities to the Ministry of Housing and Local Government in P.13 Hsg. for the year ended 31st December, 1965:-

A. <u>Houses Demolished</u>	... nil
B. <u>Unfit Houses or Parts of Buildings Closed</u>	... nil
C. <u>Unfit Houses made Fit and Houses in which Defects were Remedied:</u>	
(a) After informal action by local authority	42
(b) After formal action under Public Health Acts	... -
D. <u>Unfit Houses in Temporary Use (Housing Act, 1957)</u>	nil

E. Purchase of Houses by Agreement ... nil

Letting of Council Houses

During the year 43 applicants for housing accommodation were admitted to the housing list, and 25 applicants were offered accommodation. In addition, 20 transfers were approved, and 6 exchanges with other Councils were approved and effected.

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SECTION E

The Chief Public Health Inspector has kindly given me the following particulars in relation to the inspection and supervision of food in the Urban District during 1965:-

Milk

All milk sold in the Urban District bears one or other of the Special Designations laid down by regulations, i.e. Pasteurised and Sterilised, as well as the special quality milk known as Channel Island. The designation of Tuberculin Tested has been revoked, since practically all herds in the country are now free from tuberculosis. A new designation of Untreated has been introduced, but such milk is not sold in the Urban District, where all milk is subjected to heat treatment.

At the end of the year there were 31 registered distributors in Broadstairs, mostly retail shopkeepers.

As the following tables show, all grades of milk are sampled regularly from various points in the chain of distribution - roundsmen, schools, institutions, etc. These samples are subjected to testing by (a) the Methylene Blue Test, which gives an indication of the cleanliness and keeping quality of the milk, (b) the Phosphatase Test, which indicates whether or not the milk has been properly heat treated and, (c) in the case of Sterilised Milk, to the Turbidity Test, to show that the milk has been properly sterilised.

Chemical Analysis of Milk Samples:

Forty-two (42) samples of milk were sent to the County Analyst for chemical examination, and all these gave satisfactory results with the exception of two. However, check samples taken the following day from the same dairy and submitted for analysis were found to be satisfactory. The average composition of samples over the past three years shows the following results:-

		<u>1965</u>	<u>1964</u>	<u>1963</u>
Fats %	...	3.61	3.57	3.7
Non-fatty solids %	...	8.68	8.74	8.75

The legal standard below which milk is presumed to be adulterated is 3% milk fat and 8.5% solids not fat.

Bacteriological Examination of Milk Samples

Grade of Milk	No. of Samples taken	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
<u>Pasteurised:</u>			
Methylene Blue Test	) 62	59	*3
Phosphatase Test	)	61	1
<u>Sterilised:</u>			
Turbidity Test	11	11	-

*Two samples were declared void by the Laboratory because of high atmospheric temperature at the time of arrival.

Meat and Other Foods

Eight hundred and sixty (860) visits were made during the year by the Public Health Inspectors to food premises.

Meat:- There are no licensed slaughter houses within the Urban District. Slaughtering facilities are available at Sandwich and Canterbury.

Other English and imported meat supplies are obtained from wholesale firms who have depots in Ramsgate, Margate and Canterbury.

Unsound Food:- The following table shows the foodstuffs condemned and surrendered as being unfit for human consumption. These were destroyed by burning at the Council's Refuse Disposal Works:-

FOOD	WEIGHTS			
	lbs.	ozs.	lbs.	ozs.
Carcase Meat and Offal			286	8
Wet Fish:-				
Dogfish	...		28	-
Rainbow Trout	...		5	-
Filletted Sole	...		18	-
Smoked Haddock	...		6	-
Tinned Foods:-				
Fruit	...	107	5	
Ham	...	39	15	
Vegetables	...	502	10	
Meat	...	199	2	
Milk	...	9	5	
Soups	...	16	7	
Fish	...	267	3	
Cream	...	-	8	
Rice	...	1	-	
Macaroni	...	1	-	
			1,144	7
Jam	...		6	12
Frozen Pastry	...		38	5
Dessicated Coconut	...		100	-
Miscellaneous	...		14	10
TOTAL WEIGHT:- (14 cwts. 5 st. 9 lbs. 10 ozs.)			1,647	10

Ice Cream

There were 110 premises which had been registered under the provisions of Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, for the manufacture, storage and sale of ice cream, viz:-

Premises registered for:	Number
The manufacture and sale of Ice Cream	3
Storage and distribution of Ice Cream	2
Sale of Ice Cream	105

A satisfactory standard of hygiene was maintained at those establishments where ice cream was manufactured, and the Ice Cream (Heat Treatment, etc.) Regulations, 1959, were complied with. Periodical visits were made to these premises during the year. 43 samples were submitted to the Public Health Laboratory for bacteriological examination and these were classified as follows:-

Number of Samples taken	Number found to be -			
	Grade I	Grade II	Grade III	Grade IV
39	36	3	-	-

Other Registered Food Premises

Twenty-four premises are registered under the provisions of Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, for the preparation or manufacture of sausages, or potted, pressed, pickled or preserved foods.

The number of food premises in the area are as follows:-

PREMISES	NUMBERS
Bakers and Confectioners	12
Butchers ...	16
Cafes and Restaurants	31
Confectionery (Sweets)	26
Fishmongers ...	4
Fried Fish Shops ...	4
Greengrocers & Fruiterers	17
Grocers & General Stores	35
Beach Kiosks ...	11
Dairies ...	1
Total Number of Food Premises	157

Food Hygiene Regulations, 1955/60

During the period under review, 629 visits were made by the Public Health Inspectors in connection with the above Regulations. In some cases verbal intimation was all that was required to draw attention to infringements which must cease or improvements which must be effected.

In seaside holiday resorts such as Broadstairs there must of necessity be a continual repetition of publicity on "Clean Food" matters, as hotels, boarding houses, cafes and food shops have many changes in personnel owing to seasonal demands.

Food Complaints

11 complaints relating to food were received during the year. They were all referred to the Public Health Committee for consideration, and were dealt with by warning letters from the Clerk of the Council.

The matters complained of were as follows:-

- 4 milk bottles containing dirty material;
- 1 bottle of milk containing a foreign substance;
- 2 cases of a piece of glass in bread and cake;
- 1 meat pie containing mould;
- 1 meat pie containing a piece of animal hide and hair;
- 1 tin of vegetables containing a drawing pin;
- 1 jar of cream contaminated by brine.

Food and Drugs Act, 1955

I am indebted to the Chief Inspector of the Weights and Measures Department of the Kent County Council for the following information relating to samples taken under the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, in the Urban District during 1965:-

Article	No.	Article	No.
Biokets ...	1	B/fwd. ...	24
Bitter Beer ...	1	Milk ...	18
Cherries in Syrup ...	1	Milk Chocolate Sultanas	1
Cinnamon Sugar ...	1	Minced Steak ...	1
Cookeen ...	1	Mixed Cereal ...	1
Cough Remedy ...	1	Orange Citrus Fruit ...	1
Cremo Oats ...	1	Pork Pie ...	1
Date Sandwich Spread	1	Pork Sausages ...	1
Demerara Sugar ...	1	Redcurrant and Port	
Doughnut Mix ...	1	Liqueur Preserve ...	1
Flu-Rex ...	1	Red Rose Gargle ...	1
Gin ...	2	Salmon Spread with Butter	1
Grapefruit Citrus Fruit	1	Scotch Beetroot ...	1
Ice Cream ...	3	Sterilised Cream ...	1
Iodised Balmosa ...	1	Stewed Steak ...	1
Jelly, Brandy Flavour	1	Strawberry Jelly ...	1
Kosher Dill Pickles ...	1	Wensleydale Cheese ...	1
Lemon Cheese ...	1	Whisky ...	2
Margarine ...	1	White Cake Decorator ...	1
Mild Beer ...	1	Zynocin ...	1
Mild Mustard Sauce ...	1		
c/fwd.	<u>24</u>	Total:-	<u>60</u>

Summary

Milks ...	18
Drugs ...	6
Spirits ...	4
Other samples	32
	<u>60</u>

All the above samples were satisfactory with the exception of the following:-

<u>Sample of</u>	<u>Analysis</u>	<u>Action taken</u>
Jelly, Brandy Flavour	Insufficient proof spirit to justify description	This sample was of old stock and the manufacture has been discontinued.
Redcurrant Preserve, with Port Liqueur	Low in proof spirit	The manufacturers agreed to amend the labelling of this product.

Diseases of Animals (Waste Foods) Order, 1957

No new licences were issued during the year. The few piggeries now remaining were all inspected during the year, and the plants for boiling swill were all working satisfactorily.

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PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER
INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

The following summary gives the incidence of infectious diseases during the year:-

D I S E A S E S	Total cases notified	Cases admitted to hospital	Total deaths
Measles	369	7	-
Dysentery	2	-	-
Peuperal Pyrexia	1	-	-
Erysipelas	3	1	-
TOTALS:-	375	8	-

The following table shows the age incidence in relation to the notifiable infectious diseases notified during 1965:-

	Under 1 year	1 - 2	3	4	5	9	14	24	34	44	64	65 and over
Measles	8	18	52	42	55	167	25	1	1	1	1	1
Dysentery	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Peuperal Pyrexia	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Erysipelas	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1
Totals:-	8	18	52	42	55	167	25	2	1	2	2	1

Particulars of notifications:-

Measles:

It will be noted that another large outbreak of measles occurred during the year. This appears to occur every two years, as the following figures of notified cases show:-

1963	-	430 cases
1961	-	82 "
1959	-	515 "

All but two of the cases in 1965 occurred in children up to the age of 14 years, 70% of these affecting children between 4 and 14 years of age.

Puerperal Pyrexia:

One case was notified in the year, the first such case which has occurred since 1955.

TUBERCULOSIS:

Three new cases of pulmonary tuberculosis were notified during the year. The same number of cases remained on the register at the end of the year as at the end of 1964.

The following table shows the changes occurring in the register during the year:-

	Pul.		Non-Pul.		Total
	M.	F.	M.	F.	
No. on register at 1st Jan. 1965	37	21	5	7	70
New notifications in 1965 ...	1	2	-	-	3
No. restored to register ...	-	-	-	-	-
No. added to register otherwise than by notification ...	4	1	-	1	6
No. removed from register in 1965	2	2	-	-	4
Recovered ...	3	2	-	-	5
No. on register at 31st Dec. 1965:-	37	20	5	8	70

New Cases and Mortality in 1965

Age Periods	New Cases				Deaths			
	Pul.		Non-Pul.		Pul.		Non-Pul.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0 - 4	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 14	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 - 44	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 - 64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 and over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals:-	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-

Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925
and Public Health Act, 1936 - Section 172

No action was taken during the year under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925, nor under Section 172 of the Public Health Act.

Non-notifiable Diseases - Cancer

In recent years much prominence has been given nationally to the subject of cancer generally, but chiefly in relation to smoking and lung cancer. Publicity material discouraging smoking was displayed at suitable sites throughout the Urban District during 1965.

Early diagnosis is based largely on chest radiography. Miniature radiography is of considerable value in sorting out suspicious cases as well as revealing numbers of unsuspected cases.

The number of deaths occurring in the Urban District from cancer of the lung and bronchus was 14 males and 2 females. This shows an increase of four in the number of male deaths, and one in the number of female deaths compared with 1964.

There was a decrease of seven in the number of persons who died from cancer of other parts of the body compared with 1964.

Disinfection

The disinfection of bedding and clothing is done by the Bacterol process of vapourisation, and is carried out at the Council's Disinfecting Station. Infected bedding and clothing are removed in a special van before disinfection of premises is carried out.

Vaccination and Immunisation

The following are the particulars supplied by the County Medical Officer of vaccinations and immunisations carried out in the Urban District during 1965:-

Poliomyelitis Vaccination:

This table is based on the return submitted to the Ministry of Health:-

Year	3rd and 4th Dose (Salk and Oral)	3 Orals (Complete Course)
1965	-	37
1964	-	139
1963	-	15
1962	1	9
1958 - 1961	156	23
1949 - 1957 (others under 16 years)	41	14
Totals:-	198	237

Diphtheria Immunisation

The following table shows the number of children resident in the Urban District, in age groups, who were immunised against diphtheria, and the number of those who received reinforcing inoculations during 1965:-

Year of Birth	Primary		Reinforcing	
	Triple	Diph./Tet.	Triple	Diph./Tet.
1965	96	-	-	-
1964	102	-	-	-
1963	8	-	89	10
1962	4	-	45	-
1961	-	-	1	8
1958 - 1960	-	2	28	105
1949 - 1957	1	2	9	37
Totals:-	211	4	172	160

Smallpox Vaccination

The following table gives the figures relating to the above:-

Primary Vaccination 1 year	Re-Vaccination School Age but under 8 years
142	-

During the year 321 International Certificates of Vaccination were authenticated in respect of persons travelling abroad.

